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SUBJ: KOSOVO THERMOELECTRIC PROJECT

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1. THE YUGOSLAV PRESS REPORTED ON OCT 23 THAT KOMBINAT KOSOVO HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR TWO THERMOELECTRIC POWER PLANTS OF 339 MW EACH WITH FRENCH FIRMS STEIN INDUSTRIE AND ALSTHOM, IN PARIS ON OCT 22. ANOTHER CONTRACT, FOR THE SUPPLY OF TURBINES, WILL BE SIGNED SOON WITH THE GERMAN COMPANY MANN. STEIN INDUSTRIE IS SUPPLYING BOILERS, AND ALSTHOM IS SUPPLYING GENERATORS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. TOTAL VALUE OF FOREIGN CONTENT IS \$142 MILLION, OF WHICH \$33 MILLION IS MANN'S SHARE.

2. THE FRENCH FIRMS HAVE ACCEPTED (AMOUNT NOT SPECIFIED)

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COUNTERTRADE REQUIREMENTS (THEY'LL BUY PRODUCTS OF THE YUGOSLAV

MACHINE-BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES) AND COOPERATION IN THIRD MARKETS. STRESS IS PLACED ON THIS IN PRESS ACCOUNTS, SINCE THERE IS CURRENTLY A LARGE TRADE IMBALANCE FAVORING FRANCE. THE ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT TRADE BETWEEN FRANCE AND YUGOSLAVIA IS EXPECTED TO GROW AND CHANGE ITS STRUCTURE IN FAVOR OF MORE YUGOSLAV INDUSTRIAL GOODS.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN PRISTINA ON THE SAME DAY, KOSOVO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT NEDELJKOVIC SAID THAT THE INVESTMENT IN THE TWO THERMOELECTRIC POWER PLANTS TOTALS \$217 MILLION AND THAT BOTH WILL BE FINISHED IN THIS FIVE-YEAR PLAN PERIOD (BY 1980). SILBERMAN

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